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Dead Bodies Devoured By Wild Beasts

LONDON, Sept. 26.—Jackals and hyenas, creeping down from the mountains along the Serbo-Greek frontier, are feasting on the bodies of Bulgarian and Serbian soldiers, slain in the fierce fighting northeast of Lake Ostrovo.

Three hundred Bulgarian corpses, piled in a heap in one ravine, were stripped of their flesh by jackals and hyenas at night and by thousands of crows and vultures that hovered over the fighting ground in the daytime. The dead Bulgarians had been mowed down in a machine gun attack and lay between the Serbian and Bulgarian lines. When the Serbs advanced they found only skeletons and bits of uniform.

Colder weather is aiding in the operations along the Balkan front and is partly accountable for the furious fighting now going on between Serbs and Bulgars. Late in August, when the Allies first began hammering the Bulgarian lines, the heat time in the day was so intense that even British and French troops, hardened at Gallipoli, suffered, and a large part of the fighting was done at night.

In the recent operations the Serbs have been attacking day and night, with battles going on for forty-eight hours without cessation. The Bulgars are still clinging to stretches of Greek territory on the left wing of the Allies, though they have evacuated Vaglitza, in extreme northwestern Macedonia.

The progress of the battle being waged in eastern Roumania is still in doubt. Both the Roumanian and Bulgarian war offices are claiming big victories.

Battle on Isonzo 1,500 Years Ago

Romans Met Defeat There at the Hands of the Ostrogoths

Contrary to popular belief, says the National Geographic Society Bulletin, the Isonzo river, along which the Italians made their first attack against Austria and where their lines held more firmly against the recent vigorous Teutonic offensive than on the Tyrolean front, is not the boundary line between the two countries, but lies wholly within Austrian territory, from two to twelve miles from the border. Its source is on Mount Teriglon, the loftiest peak of the Julian Alps. Before the devastation wrought by the war the valley of the Isonzo was a highly productive region, agriculture and vine growing being the chief occupations of that part of the population (mainly Italian) which was not engaged in silkworm culture.

The leading city of the Isonzo valley is Goritz, with 30,000 inhabitants, known as the Nice of Austria, on account of its popularity as a fashionable resort. Its growth coincides with the decline of Aquileia, now an insignificant town, of less than 3,000 people, six miles from the sea, but which was reckoned the ninth city of the Roman empire and a great seaport during the closing years of the fourth century.

The fighting which is now occurring on the Isonzo recalls the great battle of the Isonzius (Isonzo) in the fifth century, where the Roman Emperor Odoacer met signal defeat at the hands of Theodoric of Ostrogoth. The vanquished leader was driven back to the Ravenna, where after a protracted siege a truce was agreed upon. During the parley Odoacer fell before the treacherous Ostrogoth, who clove his enemy from shoulder to flank with a broadsword. During the parley Odoacer fell before the sword.

One of the most interesting natural phenomena of the Isonzo district is the short Timavus river, which empties into the Gulf of Trieste five miles from the mouth of the larger water course. The Timavus gushes from a mountainside, full formed in three streams of sufficient volume to float small vessels at the very source.

In Virgil's day, according to the description in the Aenid, the Timavus rushed from the rocks in nine streams. The river is supposed to be a continuation of the equally unique Reka, whose waters disappear in the grottoes of Sankt Kanzian, some twenty miles southeast of the mysterious Timavus.

A LABOR STRIKE IS THREATENED

NEW YORK, N.Y., Sept. 27.—Labor organizations, including about 100,000 workers, meet to-day to vote on the question of joining in the proposed general strike to take effect here on Wednesday morning.

Ernest Bohm, secretary of the conference of labor leaders, directing the movement, asserted that unions representing 179,500 workers already had voted to quit work.

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GERMANY TO START PEACE FEELERS

New Plans to be Launched During October is the Opinion of Military and Civil Officials in England—President Wilson will be Asked to Start Negotiations

LONDON, Sept. 27.—Germany will set another peace kite flying about the middle of October, British officials, both military and civil, confidently expect.

Recent apparently well authenticated rumours have reached London that Germany, suffering huge losses because of the recent allied offensive, is endeavouring to suggest an armistice through Spain or the United States. It is understood on reliable authority that King Alfonso, so far, is unresponsive, and is not likely to act. The Germans, it is believed here, hope to tempt President Wilson to start negotiations at a time when any attendant success would be likely to affect favorably his chances of reelection.

Americans conversant with inside British sentiment feel that any such move on the part of Washington would not only be foredoomed to failure, but would arouse the most bitter resentment of the allies, and also permanently eliminate Washington as a possible mediator. Every indication points not only to the oneness of purpose of all the allies to continue the war until a decisive peace is obtainable, but to the fact that the army, navy, and political leaders are thoroughly united in the determination to assume responsibility, if necessary, for the war's continuation, after Germany is willing to quit.

It is no secret that the Anglo-French are prepared both in numbers and munitions to continue the present offensive indefinitely, regardless of winter weather.

Proposals from Germany, on a basis merely of abandonment of occupied territory, might have been considered a year ago sympathetically by military authorities, in view of the real precariousness of the situation, but they feel now that everything favors the Allies and that such an abandonment of occupied territory would only be to Germany's advantage, enabling her to shorten and strengthen her lines.

British soldiers only worry now is the possible over-optimism of civilians because of their recent successes and those confidently expected in the future. They realize that the Germans are not yet beaten and that a long and arduous task still confronts them.

WHEN THE VEIL IS LIFTED

LONDON, Sept. 26.—(New York Sun)—Col. Repington, the military critic, sees things favorable for the Allies on all fronts. "Except against Roumania, the Austro-Germans and their satellites have scored no success in many months past," he writes, and "have not retrieved any losses West, east and south they have lost great numbers of men, and continue to lose them."

He deprecates building too much on the order from General Von Falkenhayn in reference to the great wear and tear on German guns and stores of munitions, which the war office has just published. He dwells, however, upon the significance of the German fleet still avoiding battle, and the increasing effect of the blockade as referred in German newspapers and letters found on prisoners.

"The Germans at the front are still fighting well," he adds, "but the dejection has been marked. Where the material and moral condition of the people is slowly, but steadily deteriorating, anxiety regarding the next loan are general, and the fact that German troops believe continually to be sent to all fronts to make amends for the failures of Germany's allies, provokes bitter comment.

"When the veil is lifted, we shall probably find that Germany has sacrificed by far greater men, money, ships, credit and material than we have any idea of, while we can be satisfied that Germany's aggressive war has brought her as much misery as her worst-enemy could desire."

JIM JEFFRIES TO FIGHT BLOOD POISON.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 25.—James J. Jeffries has started a fight to save his mighty right hand, which several weeks ago became infected as the result of a cut with a hunting knife.

At the time blood poisoning set in and every effort was needed to save the hand. The wound failed to heal properly, and Dr. Gordon Russell found it necessary to open the finger and scrape the bone.

Dr. Russell hopes to save the finger, but stated that the infection is so deep that the joint will always be stiff.

Strike is Averted On British Roads

Compromise Reached on Basis of Doubling War Bonus—5 Shillings Increase—Settlement Was Arrived at Through Mediation of the Board of Trade President

LONDON, Sept. 27.—The railway crisis arising out of the demands of the men for an increase of ten shillings a week in their wages, has been settled on the basis of doubling the war bonus. This is a compromise, giving the men half of the ten shillings demanded.

The resumption of the negotiations between the railway companies and representatives of the men, effected through the mediation of Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, has resulted in this settlement. The companies in the earlier negotiations, which failed, met the men's demand for ten shillings' increase by an offer of three shillings and reference of the question of a further increase to arbitration. This offer was rejected.

At a recent conference of delegates representing 17,000 South Wales railway men, it was decided to wait until definite action, but it was reaffirmed that nothing less than a ten-shilling advance would satisfy them. In other sections the railway men repudiated the offer of three shillings advance and pledged full support to the executive committee in insisting upon ten shillings.

The war bonuses accorded last October were five shillings a week for adult employees and half a crown for those under 18 years of age. Thus, instead of an all-around advance of ten shillings, adults get an actual advance of five shillings and boys an actual advance of half a crown.

To Find Out Who Can go to Front

Canadian Government is Considering Plans to Speed up Recruiting

Ortawa, Ont., Sept. 20.—The counter claims on the supply of remaining men of the Flanders trenches and the Canadian factories are being considered by the cabinet.

There has been a serious decline in the supply of recruits produced by the systems which have prevailed since war began. However, that system has drained factories and farms of their most skilled workers.

The government is considering the problem of stimulating the enlistment of men for war without further disorganizing the industrial, agricultural, mining and transportation operations of the country.

The problem was referred to Hon. Thomas Crothers, the minister of labor, and Hon. Robert Rogers, minister of public works, for consideration, and they have had the matter up with the Imperial Munitions Board and munitions producers. It is understood that the decision arrived at and placed before the government was to take an industrial census. This would enable the authorities to decide what classes of workers can be spared for service at the front and what men shall be required to remain at their industrial posts and continue the work of production and transportation.

The cabinet has not yet taken up the report for consideration.

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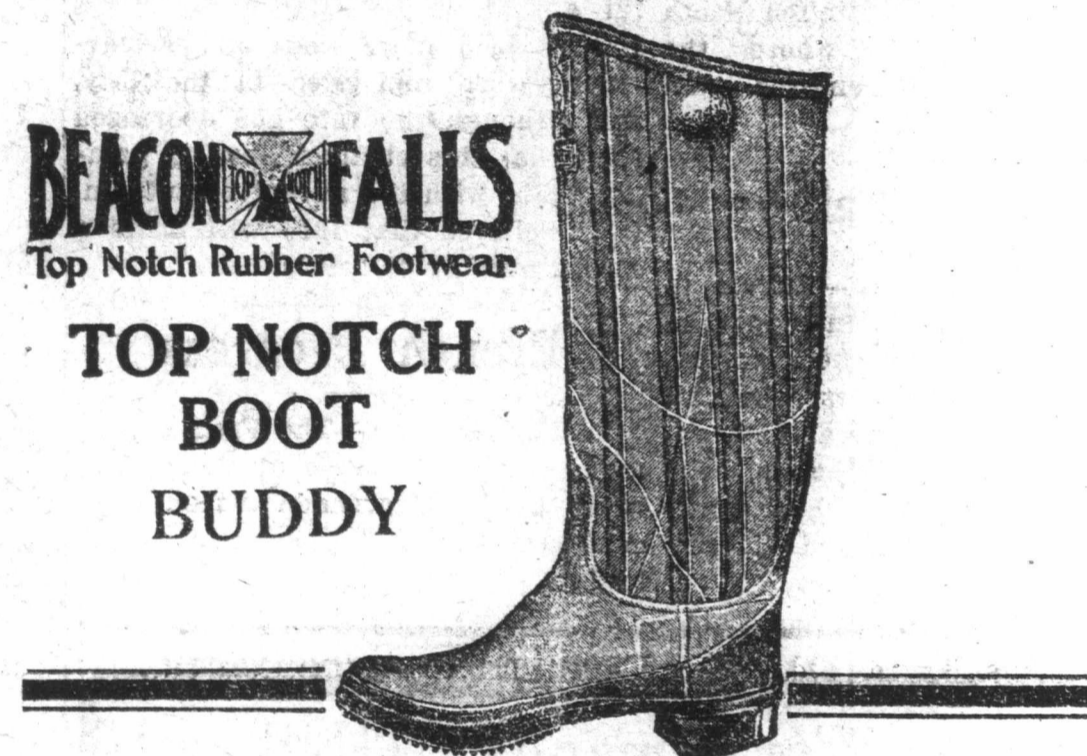
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